

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, No claims will have been amended or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 35 remain pending. Claims 34 and 35 were objected to while the remaining claims were indicated to be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding objection, and allowance of all the claims pending in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

Initially, Applicant would like to express appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided.

The Examiner has objected to claims 34 and 35 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 1 and 22. Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection and submits that it is inaccurate and thus inappropriate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

In this regard, Applicant wishes to make of record a telephone interview conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner Lee, who is in charge of the present application on September 13, 2006, in which the above-noted objection to claims 34 and 35 was discussed. In particular, during the above-noted discussion, Applicant's representative pointed out, with respect to claim 34, that the recitation of the panel includes the terminology "the user being distinct from the image data communication apparatus". Applicant's representative noted that this language is not contained in claim 1.

With regard to claim 35, Applicant's representative pointed out that the inputting recited as part of the method of claim 35 includes the limitation "the user being distinct from the communication apparatus" and that this recitation is not contained in claim 22.

Based on the above, Applicant's representative pointed out that the Examiner's objection to the claims as comprising substantial duplicates of each other is inappropriate. After consideration of Applicant's arguments, the Examiner agreed and indicated that upon filing of an appropriate response, he would withdraw the above-noted objection.

Applicant respectfully thanks Examiner Lee for his kindness and cooperation during the above-noted telephone interview as well as for the cooperative nature that he has exhibited throughout the prosecution of the present application, as well as during the prosecution of the other applications in the patent family of the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant notes the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with any of the features noted by the Examiner, Applicant further notes that each of the claims in the present application is directed to a particular combination of features and that the patentability of each claim is also based upon the totality of the features recited therein. Accordingly, the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter should not be limited to those features noted by the Examiner.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION


Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Applicant has made of record a telephone interview conducted between Applicant's undersigned representative and the Examiner in the present application. Applicant has further pointed out the significant differences between the claims asserted by the Examiner to be substantial duplicates of each other. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a clear evidentiary basis supporting the patentability of all the claims in the present application and respectfully requests an indication to such effect, in due course.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present paper is in proper form, and Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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